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CONGRESSIONAL TRAVEL

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: OREP: (MATHIAS, CHARLES MCC.); TU; GR; IS.

SUBJECT: VISIT OF SENATOR CHARLES MCC. MATHIAS

REFS: STATE 52923 (NOTAL); ANKARA 1852

1. SENATOR CHARLES MATHIAS IS PLANNING VISIT TO ISTANBUL
TO ATTEND A SEMINAR CONDUCTED BY TURKISH ATLANTIC TREATY
ASSOCIATION (TATA) APRIL 15-16 (REFTELS). IN ADDITION
TO PARTICIPATION IN ISTANBUL SEMINAR, SENATOR MATHIAS
ALSO WISHES EXPOSURE TO HIGH-LEVEL GREEK AND ISRAELI VIEWS
AND THEREFORE PLANS TRAVEL TO BOTH ATHENS AND ISRAEL.
DURING VISIT SENATOR WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY HIS 15-YEAR
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OLD SON, ROBERT F. MATHIAS. VISIT IS PRIVATELY FUNDED
THROUGHOUT AND NO USG FUNDS ARE AUTHORIZED. ITINERARY
FOLLOWS:

4/10 LV NEW YORK 1915 TW-880 AR TEL AVIV 1430 4/11
4/14 LV TEL AVIV 1630 TH-825 AR ISTANBUL 1830
4/18 LV ISTANBUL 1630 AF-611 AR ATHENS 1820

4/22 LV ATHENS 1220 TW-841 AR ROME 1210

4/24 LV ROME 0850 TW-891 AR WASH 1530.

2. FOR TEL AVIV:

SENATOR PLANS TO PROCEED TO JERUSALEM EVENING OF APRIL 11TH. HE WOULD, HOWEVER, APPRECIATE MEETING CHARGE DUNNIGAN AND RECEIVING BRIEFING FROM COUNTRY TEAM IMMEDIATELY AFTER HIS ARRIVAL IN TEL AVIV AND PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FOR JERUSALEM. SENATOR WOULD ALSO LIKE TO RENEW HIS ACQUAINTANCE, AND REQUESTS APPOINTMENTS, WITH PRIMIN RABIN, DEFMIN PERES, FONMIN ALLON, YIGAL YADIN AND MENAHIM BEGIN, FOR FULL DISCUSSION OF ISRAELI PERCEPTIONS ME SETTLEMENT AND ISRAELI POLITICAL SITUATION. SENATOR WOULD APPRECIATE ACCOMPANIMENT OF CHARGE DUNNIGAN OR OTHER EMBOFF DURING OFFICE CALLS IF EMBASSY WOULD CONSIDER THIS USEFUL AND REQUESTS THAT FSO ARTHUR HOUGHTON, WHO WILL BE ACCOMPANYING HIM ON ISRAEL PORTION OF VISIT, BE INCLUDED IN ALL MEETINGS (FYI: HOUGHTON IS CURRENTLY SERVING AS SENATOR'S LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT AS PARTICIPANT IN CONGRESSIONAL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM, AND HAS BEEN ASSIGNED TO IAI AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR EFFECTIVE THIS SUMMER. HOUGHTON WILL REMAIN IN ISRAEL AFTER SENATOR'S DEPARTURE, UNTIL APRIL 22; HIS TRAVEL PLANS ARE BEING SENT SEPTTEL). SENATOR ALSO REQUESTS EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING ACCOMMODATIONS FOR HIMSELF, SON ROBERT, AND HOUGHTON (THREE SINGLES OR IF NOT POSSIBLE, ONE DOUBLE AND ONE SINGLE) IN JERUSALEM APRIL 11-14 AT AMERICAN COLONY OR OTHER SUITABLE HOTEL (E.G. KING DAVID). SENATOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LOOKS FORWARD TO SEEING CONGEN NEWLIN IN JERUSALEM.

3. FOR ANKARA:

SENATOR LOOKS FORWARD TO SEEING AMBASSADOR MACOMBER SHOULD HE BE IN COUNTRY AT TIME OF ISTANBUL SEMINAR. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY INFORMING TATA PRESIDENT AMBASSADOR BIRGI OF SENATOR'S TRAVEL PLANS AND REQUESTING TATA ARRANGE ACCOMMODATIONS FOR BOTH HIM AND ROBERT MATHIAS AT TARABYA HOTEL APRIL 14-18.

4. FOR ATHENS:

SENATOR WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY RESERVING TWO SINGLE ROOMS (IF NOT POSSIBLE, DOUBLE WOULD BE SATISFACTORY) AT HILTON HOTEL APRIL 18-22. HE LOOKS FORWARD TO OPPORTUNITY MEETING AMBASSADOR AND MEMBERS OF COUNTRY TEAM AFTER ARRIVAL, AND WISHES APPOINTMENT WITH PRIME MINISTER KARAMANLIS DURING HIS STAY. NO OTHER EMBASSY ASSISTANCE WILL BE REQUIRED, ALTHOUGH HE WISHES EMBASSY VIEWS ON FEASIBILITY OF HIS VISITING DELPHI FOR

OVERNIGHT STAY APRIL 21.

5. FOR ROME:

SENATOR'S VISIT IS PRIVATE AND NO EMBASSY ASSISTANCE WILL
BE REQUIRED WHILE HE IS THERE. HE WOULD, HOWEVER,
APPRECIATE EMBASSY HELP IN RESERVING TWO SINGLE ROOMS
AT FIRST CLASS HOTEL IN CENTRAL ROME AREA (HASSLER IF
POSSIBLE) APRIL 22-24. IF TWO SINGLES NOT AVAILABLE,
ONE DOUBLE WOULD BE SATISFACTORY.
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